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HB 1021 APPROPRIATION TO ASSESS EFFECTS OF ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION AT LUALUALEI

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HB 1021 would appropriate funds for the study of electro-magnetic radiation levels and consequent health effects in the area surrounding the radio transmitter facility at Lualualei, Oahu. This statement reflects the views of its authors concerning this proposal and is not statement of an official position of the University of Hawaii.

Electromagnetic radiation in the microwave and radio frequency bands is the subject of increasing environmental and public health concern. The existence of military transmission facilities at Lualualei is a legitimate basis for community concern in nearby residential areas. While there is little reason to presuppose an immediate threat to public health, further investigation, such as that proposed in HB 1021, is warranted. The baseline health and radiation assessments proposed here are offered at a cost many times below that which would be incurred without the support and commitment of the Cancer Center of Hawaii. These baseline studies are an important step in ensuring high health standards for the people of this state.